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THAI PM'S VISIT TO LEND MORAL SUPPORT TO THAI SEA GAMES CONTINGENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra will make a one-day visit to Malaysia tomorrow for the opening ceremony of the 21st SEA Games here.

A Foreign Ministry statement says the visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is also to lend moral support to the Thai contingent to the SEA Games as well as to Malaysia for hosting the Games.

Thaksin will be accompanied by the Thai Minister of Commerce and eight government officials.

He is expected to call on Dr Mahathir in Putrajaya where the two leaders are expected to discuss issues of common concern.

The visit is expected to further strengthen the strong ties of friendship and cooperation that exist between Malaysia and Thailand, the statement says.

It is also a manifestation of the special importance that Thailand attaches to its relations with Malaysia, it adds.

Thaksin visited Malaysia on April 24 this year, his first to an Asean member country since assuming the post.

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